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Boston Chamber of Commerce

James Blinn Its President.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Elmer Jared Blinn, president and founder of the Regal Shoe Company, has been elected president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the largest commercial organization in the world, representing a consolidation of the old Chamber of Commerce and the new Merchants' Association.

It was Mr. Blinn who conceived and put into effect the successful plan of selling shoes from factory to foot, thus eliminating the costly middleman and putting the newest custom footwear styles within the people's means.

Today, the business he established is of world-wide scope, with four factories producing 5,000 pairs of shoes a day, a chain of shoe stores stretching across the continent and representation in thirty-nine foreign countries.

Dog Cutlets Sold at "Venison." Paris, Dec. 13.—The Journal des Debats, which is publishing in its column extracts from the issues during the Franco-Prussian war, prints the following from its issue of December 13, 1870: "At the market dog cutlets are now fetching 8 cents apiece. Unscrupulous vendors are trying to sell them at a dollar a pound as venison."

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SANTA'S COMING IN AN AIRSHIP

Will Make His Washington Headquarters at Berberich's Two Stores.

SENDS GIFTS IN ADVANCE

Will Bring Theater Tickets to Poli's and Other Expensive Gifts for Boys and Girls.

Announcement was made exclusively in yesterday's Sunday Herald that Santa Claus would positively come by airship this year—in a hydroaeroplane, to be scientifically correct—not only sails in the air, high above the housetops, but floats on the water as gracefully as a swan.

Berberich's, the big shoe merchants, are responsible for this announcement, in which they tipped the public off to the fact that upon his arrival Santa will make Berberich's two stores his Washington headquarters, and will not make his departure until every one is tucked safely in bed on Christmas eve.

Just as an example as to how wonderfully spry the old fellow really is, you can see him, say at Berberich's main store on Seventh street, on foot, by trolley or automobile—and when you get there you will find Santa already ahead of you and ready to meet and greet you again.

Somehow or another, Berberich's have found out that Santa will bring with him 500 tickets good during Christmas week at Poli's theatre. That's the theatre, you know, that is busy right now planning a great Christmas tree and Christmas play for Washington children, ring candy and toys galore.

Will Give Watches Away. What the other gifts will be has not been learned as yet, but it's a pretty sure bet that there will be a lot of toys that will gladden the hearts of many Washington girls and boys.

Beginning with today, Berberich's are giving away one thousand Buster Brown watches. These gift watches were sent in advance by Santa Claus with the compliment of The Brown Shoe Company, manufacturers of the famous Buster Brown Shoes for boys and girls.

The Buster Brown watch is a guaranteed timekeeper, stem wind and stem set—a present that any boy or girl should be proud of.

COMMITTEE SUMMONS COMMANDER STIRLING

Naval Investigators Expect to Learn that Destroyers and Submarines Are "Unprepared."

Commander Yates Stirling, Jr., in charge of the submarine flotilla of the Atlantic fleet, has been summoned to appear before the naval committee of the House.

The committee expects Commander Stirling to unfold secrets relative to naval unpreparedness, because he is said to have made a protest to the Navy Department against the condition of the torpedo destroyers and submarines. The committee will endeavor to have the correspondence between Commander Stirling and the Department made public.

He is understood to have reported that when the flotilla was ordered to Hampton Roads, November 1, only one of seventeen submarines would submerge. He also expected to disclose that the five torpedo destroyers now in the Philippines are almost useless.

Negro Accosts Police Matron. While standing at Twelfth and B streets northwest last night shortly after 9 o'clock waiting for a LeDroit Park car Mrs. Estella Keys, matron at the First police precinct, was accosted by a colored man. Mrs. Keys got into communication with the First precinct, and Policeman H. W. Clarke hurried to the scene. He placed Preston Simms, colored, under arrest, and charged him with disorderly conduct.

RED HAIR IN HER COMB.

Her Own Tresses Bleed, Mrs. Alvarez Became Suspicious.

Cleveland, Dec. 13.—Golden red hair in the comb with which she was accustomed to dress her blond hair was part of the evidence on which Mrs. Carolyn Kuris Battle y Alvarez, of 505 Hough avenue, bases her suit for divorce from Everard Raymond Battle y Alvarez, a New York civil engineer, son of a former Spanish governor general of the Philippines.

Mrs. Alvarez is the adopted daughter of S. S. Kuris, millionaire head of the McCaskey Register Company, of Alliance, Ohio. She was married to Battle y Alvarez in her comb Christmas night, 1912, when she returned home to New York unexpectedly after a visit to her parents in Canton, Ohio.

"I also found three suitcases full of women's clothing and three red switches," she testified. "Then I knew my husband was not sincere in the ardent love he had professed to me and I left him."

Mrs. Alvarez was married to the young nobleman in Boston in 1911. She added to her story details of Spanish jealousy and customs which she said she couldn't stand. The case was uncontested. Judge Gott reserved his decision.

WANTS \$50,000 FOR AIR MAILS

Burleson Believes New Service Can Be Used in Some Sections.

SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

Postmaster General Renews Recommendation for Government Ownership of All Wire Lines.

In his annual report made public today, Postmaster General Burleson renews his recommendation that early action be taken looking to government ownership of all telegraph and telephone facilities.

"My firm conviction is here reiterated that telegraph and telephone service is inevitably monopolistic, and when operated under private control, does not render the maximum of public service at the minimum cost to the whole people, says Mr. Burleson.

The Postmaster General recommends that postage rates on second-class matter be readjusted so that the rates on publications other than newspapers issued as frequently as once a week be increased from 1 cent a pound to 2 cents a pound.

Favors Space Basis. Concerning compensation to railroads for carrying the mails Mr. Burleson says: "The principal feature of the plan favored by the railroads involves substitution of a space basis for the existing weight basis of determining pay in all classes of railroad service, excepting express."

"The Postmaster General recommends that railroads be granted additional compensation for transportation of parcel post mail from August 1, 1915, when the weight limit was increased, and from January 1, 1916, when it was further increased without the rates to the carriers at the same time being increased."

Mr. Burleson asks for \$50,000 for an experimental aerial mail service. He states that there are sections where, because of topographical conditions, this service might be employed.

The Postmaster General says that the fiscal year witnessed a substantial growth of the postal savings system. On June 30, the number of depositors was 285,511 and the amount on deposit \$48,445,751, a gain for the year of 27,505 depositors and \$9,525,401 in deposits.

Turks Threaten Hostages. Athens, Dec. 13.—Both the Turkish troops and inhabitants have abandoned Beirut withdrawing inland in fear of the allies landing. They threaten reprisals against the allies' subjects who are now hostages in their possession.

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U. S. GUNS FAIL TO AWE MEXICANS

Fighting Will Go On at Naco, Jose Maytorena Asserts.

GUTIERREZ SLATED TO GO

Gen. Robles Will Be Made Provisional President at Next Meeting of Convention, Is Belief.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Gov. Jose Maria Maytorena at his headquarters before Naco, Sonora, today explained his attitude since the United States army placed a dozen field guns so as to command his position and that of Gen. Hill, who is defending Naco.

The governor was smiling and cheerful and so far as he judged from any outward indication the menace of American cannon or the movements of the American army are the least of his worries.

He said quite frankly that he had no intention of deserting from his attack on the American town, declaring that few, if any, of his bullets had ever crossed the international line and there was therefore no reason why he should withdraw from his position or change his tactics.

"I have read that President Gutierrez has sent a communication to me regarding the international situation at Naco," he said. "Possibly this is true, but the message must have been delayed, for I have failed to receive it."

F. J. Kuch, an American, and Jose Martinez, a Mexican resident of this American town, were wounded today by spent shrapnel which fell on this side of the international boundary.

It was fired by one of Maytorena's batteries in reply to fire from Gen. Hill's guns. The fire from Hill's trenches became so severe during the day that Maytorena was compelled to move his camp out of range.

El Paso, Dec. 13.—Copies of President Gutierrez's message to Governor Maytorena, which the governor claims he has not yet received, reached here today. Following is the text of the message: "National Palace, Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Gov. Jose Maria Maytorena, Naco, Sonora.

"Mr. Silliman, the American consul, has just shown me a copy of a telegram from Washington signed by Mr. Bryan, in which he is asked to confer with and explain to me the gravity of the situation at Naco by reason of the attacks being made there, the result of which has been that a considerable number of Americans have been killed by bullets crossing to foreign soil."

"This is a very serious matter and one upon which prompt action must be taken. The outcome may be serious if the firing is not stopped."

You therefore will please take adequate steps to prevent the future entry of bullets from your forces falling into American territory.

"Also, if necessary, you must suspend the attack until further orders so as to avoid the possibility of any difficulty or misunderstanding with the United States, a country with which we must be on terms of the utmost friendly cooperation."

(Signed) "E. GUTIERREZ, Provisional President of Mexico."

Mexico City, Dec. 13 (Delayed).—The Zapata followers held a meeting here this morning and agreed unanimously to insist upon election of Gen. Jose Isabel Robles as provisional president when the national military convention meets on January 1.

Gen. Robles was the candidate of the Zapata element at Aguas Calientes and was only defeated by ten votes by Gen. Gutierrez. He is now secretary of war in the Gutierrez cabinet. Though but twenty-four years old, he is considered one of the brightest and most honorable men in Mexico. It is understood that Villa is in accord with the Zapataists, so the election of Robles may be considered an assured fact.

The provisional president will hold office for one year, or until the national elections are held and officers chosen by the people are inaugurated.

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HIKES TO QUIT SMOKING.

Missouri Youth on Long Walk to Cure Cigarette Habit.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 13.—In the first lap of a 4,000-mile journey to get away from cigarettes C. W. Cornell, a Mount City boy, made a brief stop in St. Joseph. Cornell had smoked 125,000 cigarettes and had made up his mind that he would die unless he broke off the habit. He never was without a cigarette, and his range was from thirty to eighty a day. If he rolled them himself he could work fast enough to smoke about eighty, but by buying them already made he could push the score up to eighty-five. He used two packages of tobacco a day, and if he smoked "tallor mades" he could lowest \$25 in the day's work.

Cornell is a baker by trade and is twenty years old. When he made up his mind to swear off and run away he took a week in the country to follow a plow and get his mind back to starting out. He expects to go to El Paso and visit an uncle there until the weather favors a start to New York, where he will seek a job at his trade. He believes that enough bakers will start West to the Panama Exposition to leave a good chance for him.

Homeless Hundreds Apply at Missions for Succor from Storm.

Man of Seventy-two Years and Couple with Two Children Among Those Given Shelter.

With snow, hail and rain, King Winter swept Washington yesterday, causing much suffering among the homeless and unemployed. Hundreds, hungry and chilled, entered the bread-and-butter lines at Gospel and Central Union missions.

At Gospel Mission, 125 beds were filled and more than 100 men who could not get beds were given shelter at the mission. Rev. H. W. Kilne, manager of the mission, said he needs fifty army cots and employment for 100 men.

Before bed-time the homeless gathered in the chapel and heard Phil Harvey, reformed train robber, tell of his past. "We, though homeless and out of money and employment, should thank God for the privilege of living," said Harvey. Twenty years ago Harvey said he held up express trains in the West, but after serving time in the penitentiary was converted.

During the storm, a man and wife and two children applied at the mission for shelter. The Salvation Army previously had made arrangements to pay the expenses of the family at the mission. The husband said they had walked from New York to Washington on route to Alexandria, where he has been promised work.

At Central Union Mission 200 were sheltered and fed. One was a white-haired man of seventy-four. His shoes were soles, and he said he had walked seventeen miles from Fairfax, Va. Friends in Baltimore had promised him a home for the winter, he said, and he had started to walk to Baltimore.

Every cot at the Salvation Army Industrial Home, 121 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, was used last night. Adjt. Louis Brazier said it is probable a broad line will be started at the home.

CONGRESS MAY KEEP MUNITIONS AT HOME. Movement Started Against Sending Them Has Prototype in Another to Prevent Foreign Loans.

The movement that has been started in Congress for legislation prohibiting the exportation of munitions of war to the belligerents is of more serious proportion than has generally been realized. The Democratic leaders are against this proposed ban at American business, but developments are daily indicating more serious action.

The country is increasing, and yesterday Representative Barthold, of St. Louis, author of one of the prohibitory bills, announced that during the past session he had taken up the issue, and mass meetings will be held in its favor in many cities.

Resides, the proposed legislation has the sympathy of the American people, who complain that the United States is assuming an unequal attitude in supplying the allies, while Germany is cut off.

The disposition of some Members of Congress to deprive the United States of the legitimate business benefits that flow from the war came to light yesterday when it was learned that Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, democrat and author of one of the measures prohibiting shipments of war materiel, also introduced a bill making it a violation of neutrality for any person or corporation to loan money, directly or indirectly, to any belligerent. It provides that during hostilities it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale or to purchase or receive within the United States any bonds or other securities of these countries authorized or issued after the beginning of hostilities.

There are indications that President Wilson is displeased with these gratuitous efforts on the part of Congress to "help" him maintain the neutrality of the United States. The President has managed the matter thus far by himself, and there is danger that these voluntary contributions will embarrass him through stirring up the feelings of German-Americans on this subject, and unnecessarily stirring up feeling in America.

The President's own action in expressing his disfavor of the proposed loan of J. P. Morgan to France, and the proposed building of submarines in England by Charles M. Schwab is partly responsible for the present movement.

MYSTIC LETTERS ON EGG. Atlanta, Dec. 13.—"R. W. Y. M." These mystic letters, appearing on an egg laid by a hen belonging to G. F. Jarrell, No. 123 Astoria street, have been the cause of much excitement among folk who reside near Mr. Jarrell's home on the South Decatur car line.

The egg was laid a week ago by a "large red hen, bred under me," which Mr. Jarrell owns. On picking up the egg up Mr. Jarrell noticed a queer identification in the form of a circle, which, on closer examination, proved to be the letters "R. W. Y. M."

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TWO IN HOSPITALS SUFFER FROM POISON

Mrs. Seiben Took Bichloride and Atlanta Man Strychnine by Mistake—Woman Won't Talk.

Mrs. George Seiben, apartment No. 4, 1311 H street northeast, is seriously ill at Casualty Hospital, where she was taken from her home last night after she took bichloride of mercury. Mrs. Seiben refused to say why she took the poison or where she bought it.

Flamingo R. Fowler, thirty-five years old, said to be from Atlanta, Ga., was taken to Emergency Hospital shortly before midnight in a taxicab from Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, suffering from strychnine poisoning which he alleges he took in mistake for calomel.

Turks in Retreat, Is Report. Paris, Dec. 13.—Le Echo de Paris today received a dispatch from Rome which states that England has massed troops in Egypt sufficient to hold the Turks. The Ottoman troops from Palestine, who were marching on Sinai Peninsula have been compelled to beat a retreat.

Arthur Brisbane Ill. Atlanta, Dec. 13.—Arthur Brisbane, of the New York Evening Journal, became seriously ill here today. Tonight his condition was somewhat improved, but his physician was summoned from New York. Mr. Brisbane has been here since last Friday.

PAYS \$14,500 FOR A SARGENT.

Mrs. Whitney Purchases Portrait of Robert Louis Stevenson.

New York, Dec. 13.—It was learned today that George M. Smith, dealer in rare books and manuscripts, was acting for Mrs. Payne Whitney when he purchased John S. Sargent's portrait of Robert Louis Stevenson at the sale of the Stevenson collection last month. He paid \$14,500 for the work.

The portrait was painted at the Stevenson home in England and shows the famous author pacing the floor of his dining room nervously tugging at his moustache.

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